

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 136 – SB 181

February 4, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes compliance with the National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841-62, an exception to prosecution rather than a defense to prosecution as it relates to machine guns, suppressors, and short-barreled shotguns and rifles.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, compliance with the National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841-62, is a defense to prosecution for possessing machine guns, firearm suppressors, or short-barreled shotguns and rifles, which are prohibited weapons under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1302.
- It is possible that changing the defense to prosecution to an exception to prosecution could reduce the caseload of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC), and the District Public Defenders Conference (DPDC). However, it is assumed that any impact will be insignificant.
- The AOC, DAGC, and DPDC confirm that the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact to their operations and will not require any additional appropriations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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